

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of one drawing includes a replacement drawing for Figure 1.

REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 13-32 and added new claims 33-45. Support for these amendments may be found at page 5, line 11 - page 9, line 14 of the specification, for example. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of these amendments, claims 33-45 will remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action¹, the Examiner objected to the drawings; rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; rejected claims 13, 14, 16, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,579,004 to Kim ("*Kim*"); rejected claims 15 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kim* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,200,019 to Latini ("*Latini*"); rejected claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kim* in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,013,765 to Richardson ("*Richardson*"); rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kim* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,379,037 to Saleh et al. ("*Saleh*"); rejected claims 13, 19-21, 23-25, and 27-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,742,565 to Cuinet et al. ("*Cuinet*"), in view of *Kim*, and further in view of *Latini*; rejected claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Cuinet*, in view of *Kim*, in view of *Latini*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,383,165 to Vaucher ("*Vaucher*"); and rejected claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kim* in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,134,784 to Marin ("*Marin*").

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

I. Objection to Figure 1

With respect to the objection to Figure 1, the Examiner states, “[F]igure 1 does not possess sufficient quality/clarity as to convey the necessary information.” See Office Action at page 2. Applicants have attached a replacement drawing for Figure 1 and submit that the replacement drawing clearly depicts each of the elements. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve the replacement drawing and withdraw the objection to the drawings.

II. Rejections of Claims 13-32

Regarding the rejections of claims 13-32, by the present amendment Applicants have canceled claims 13-32. Accordingly, the rejections of the claims are rendered moot.

III. New Claims 33-45

Applicants submit that claims 33-45 are allowable over each of the prior art references of record, when considered alone or in any proper combination. For example, independent claim 33 recites a “a gear rim fastened on the bottom side of the turning ring” that “drives a drive wheel connected by a shaft to a clutch wheel,” and “a wheel train, which can be engaged and disengaged from outside a housing of the world timepiece, that interacts between the turning ring and an hour hand provided for the time display.” Such features are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by *Kim* or the other references of record. Moreover, other elements of claim 33, such as the requirement that “the turning ring can be turned both clockwise and counterclockwise”

and "the turning ring can be activated or deactivated via a locking device," are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the references cited by the Examiner.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicants submit that independent claim 33 is allowable over the prior art of record. Furthermore, new dependent claims 34-45 are allowable over the prior art of record in view of their dependency from claim 33 and at least the reasons noted above with respect to claim 33.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of claims 33-45. Entry of the proposed drawing amendment for Figure 1 is also respectfully requested and believed to be appropriate.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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